

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FCOLOGY

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Dear Coastal Zone Management Applicant:

We are now accepting project applications for the 2003-2004 Coastal Zone Management grant program. All jurisdictions in the 15 coastal counties are eligible. Applications will be accepted through March 5, 2003.

Based on input we've received from local communities, we will be focusing our attention this grant round on Shoreline Master Program (SMP) development. While SMP projects will be our highest priority, it is still possible that other projects will be funded, depending on the number and quality of SMP proposals we receive. A complete list of eligible project categories is listed in the CZM Grant Guidelines. Please note that these categories have changed somewhat from years past.

Due to the ESA listings of salmonids in Washington's waters, CZM grant applicants must determine whether or not their proposed projects will affect salmon. Planning projects need to address this issue as part of the planning process. Applications for 306A small construction projects need to include the "ESA Listed Salmonids Checklist / Mitigation Strategy Form" to identify impacts and document how these impacts will be mitigated. The electronic form can be found with the other application materials on our website.

To be considered for a coastal zone project award, applications must be postmarked or hand delivered by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 5, 2003. We look forward to hearing from you should you be interested in submitting an application. For assistance, we encourage you to call any of the department representatives listed in the grant guidelines or contact Bev Huether at <a href="mailto:bhue461@ecy.wa.gov">bhue461@ecy.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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